

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 467, confirmation of Graham Scott Steele to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 468, the motion to invoke cloture on Robert Farrell Bonnie to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

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HONORING SERGEANT BREANNA J. JESSOP

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, months ago, as Americans watched harrowing video footage of the Afghanistan evacuation efforts, service men and women from around the world rose to the challenge of a complex mission. As the chaos persisted, the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army was called on to support noncombatant evacuation operations—NEO—at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Afghanistan. They completed their mission honorably.

One member of the 82nd Airborne Division, Sgt. Breanna J. Jessop, a chaplain assistant, assumed the role as the noncommissioned officer—NCO—in charge of the airport chapel. Sergeant Jessop, despite tremendous obstacles of ongoing and imminent threats, conducted herself with courage, discipline, and attention to detail. Her work saved many.

Always putting the well-being of her fellow soldiers first, Sergeant Jessop used her ingenuity to ensure 4,000 U.S. military personnel and coalition forces had access to basic hygiene items at a time when resources were, at best, limited. Further, she made time to assist soldiers with religious support, help care for those who had suffered casualties, and ensure the well-being of the soldiers with whom she served.

At the height of the NEO mission, Sergeant Jessop showed outstanding leadership. She oversaw the operation of an entire orphanage that had been formed as a result of the increase in unaccompanied minors at the airport. She led the mission to assist in caring for children and offered assistance for children ranging from newborn babies to 17 years old. As a result of her untiring humanitarian efforts, over 400 displaced children were kept safe during the NEO mission.

Outside of her assigned duties and responsibilities, Sergeant Jessop, has helped pioneer the Under the Canopy Program which serves as a touchpoint forum for lower enlisted paratroopers.

There, she provides vital leadership to assist with planning, preparing, and overseeing the execution of each event. Her work helps hundreds of paratroopers each month to identify issues and discuss new and ongoing initiatives.

Sgt. Breanna J. Jessop, a native of Myton, UT, truly represents the U.S. Army values and what it means to be a paratrooper and Sky Dragon soldier.

About Sergeant Jessop, Maj. Gen. Chris Donahue once said, “There are so many different words that you could use to describe her: strength, resilience, willingness to share what others would never be willing to . . . that’s the type of remarkable person and paratrooper that she is.” I could not agree more.

Sergeant Jessop was recently recognized by the United Service Organizations as the 2021 Service Member of the Year. This award is fitting and well-deserved. Yet no award will ever fully honor the service of Sergeant Jessop. Her dedicated service to the children orphaned at Hamid Karzai International Airport and her fellow servicemembers is commendable and will be remembered and revered in the hearts of many for years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LISA PISTERMAN

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a fellow Kentuckian, Lisa Pisterman, from the Schnitzelburg community of Louisville, KY. You may not know this unique neighborhood that dates back to 1866. But you are all familiar with historic communities that helped form the fabric of your own hometown or metropolitan area, and you have witnessed many of them struggle to preserve their unique heritage while remaining relevant in a modern economy.

To that end, Lisa Pisterman served as president of the Schnitzelburg Area Community Council during a very challenging period when the council had struggled to move forward. With Lisa at the helm, a new sense of unity and purpose has emerged, and great things are happening.

In addition to her leadership on the council, Lisa has served as one of the local historians, allowing natives of the community and newcomers alike to reflect on its history and envision what is to come.

Lisa is the author of “Louisville’s Germantown & Schnitzelburg” and is currently working with other individuals to build the Germantown Schnitzelburg History Museum where visitors can study this community’s contributions to our great Commonwealth.

As her friends and neighbors recognize Lisa this month as Schnitzelburg’s

No. 1 Citizen, I want to personally thank her for all she has done and continues to do for her community and to wish her great success in the future.●

REMEMBERING ARNE SORENSON

• Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the esteemed legacy of my friend, Arne Sorenson, who passed away earlier this year. Arne’s many accomplishments in his personal and professional life continue to profoundly impact the lives of many. Most recently, Arne’s Marriott family, numbering over 120,000 employees, witnessed his high-caliber leadership as he navigated the company through a turbulent period in the hospitality industry. Arne was a faithful and compassionate servant leader, and I will always cherish his friendship.

Arne’s contagious spirit of kindness and generosity sets a high standard for what success looks like, in both public and private life. As a business executive, he cared deeply for his employees and customers and continued to serve as president and CEO while privately persevering through extraordinary health challenges. His selfless leadership is an example we can all aspire to.

The culture he helped build and foster at Marriott is unmatched. Arne’s decades of experience in the hospitality industry yielded outstanding results for his enterprise, notably the acquisition of over 30 hotel groups, elevating Marriott to be the largest hotel chain in the world. His humility and wisdom often carried the day. He consistently praised and recognized the achievements of his employees and partners and always sought feedback from friends, family, colleagues, and customers.

Above all, Arne was a faithful and loving husband, father, and friend. His integrity and values-based decision making extended from the business world to the benefit of everyone lucky enough to have known him, especially his wonderful family. Arne’s wife and four children were his greatest pride, joy, and purpose, and while they now mourn his loss, I hope they may find comfort knowing Arne’s light will shine on for eternity. May he rest in peace.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a treaty which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.